

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 4 and 6 to 10 are pending. Claim 8 is currently canceled. Claim 7 is currently amended. Reconsideration of the application is requested.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's review of the record and resulting notice of allowable subject matter.

Amendments

Claim 7 has been amended to depend from claim 2 rather than claim 1.

Claim 7 previously depended from allowed claim 1. Claim 8 was objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim (claim 7), but indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 8 depended from claim 7, and further required that "the group that generates the free radical in the release agent precursor by irradiation with ultraviolet radiation is benzophenone." The Examiner explicitly noted that the prior art neither taught nor suggested this feature. (Paragraph 9, page 3.) As this feature is identically required by claim 2, Applicants have amended claim 7 to depend from claim 2 rather than claim 1. Applicants respectfully submit that, in effect, this is identical to incorporating all of the features of claim 7 into claim 8, as suggested by the Examiner.

§ 102 Rejections

Claims 7, 9, and 10 are rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as purportedly being anticipated by WO 01/64805 A2.

Claim 7 has been amended to depend from claim 2. In effect, this amendment incorporates all the limitations of allowable claim 8 into claim 7, rendering claim 7 allowable. Claim 8 has been canceled. Claims 9 and 10 depend from amended claim 7. As claim 7 is now patentable, claims 9 and 10 are likewise patentable.

In summary, the rejection of claims 7, 9, and 10 under 35 USC § 102(b) has been overcome and should be withdrawn.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Examination and reconsideration of the application as amended is requested.

Applicants have attempted to address all remaining concerns raised by the Examiner. If any further issues remain, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner initiate a telephone interview with Applicants' undersigned representative to resolve them.

Respectfully submitted,

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